

CHAPTER NO. 43

HOUSE BILL NO. 458

By Representatives McDonald, Bone, Fowlkes

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 447

By Senators Graves, Burks, Springer

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 49-5-511 through 49-5-513, relative to the dismissal of teachers who are convicted of a felony.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-511, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(c)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, but subject to the appeal and review provisions of Sections 49-5-512 and 49-5-513, any teacher who is convicted of a felony listed in §40-35-501(i)(2) shall be immediately suspended, and dismissed subject to the provisions of subdivision (c)(2).

(2) If the dismissal of the teacher is upheld in the board and court reviews provided for in Section 49-5-512 and 49-5-513, the Director or Superintendent of Schools shall notify in writing the Commissioner of Education who shall begin licensure revocation proceedings under applicable rules of the State Board of Education.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 24, 1999


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 31st day of March 1999


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR